

Below is a transcript of the Nonimmigrant Visa Guide Video, published by the U.S. Consulate Sydney, Australia - July 2008

Hello and welcome to the U.S Consulate. I would like to take a few minutes to walk you through the visa application process.

I hope you find this tour helpful, particularly if this is the first time you are applying for a visa.

For more detailed information about the visa process please continue to browse our website after the tour.

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All applicants schedule an appointment for an interview at the nearest U.S. Consulate using the VisaPoint service.

You must complete and print out the online application form.

Make sure a barcode appears on your printout.

Before you attend your interview please pay the non-refundable application fee at Australia Post.

Bring the original receipt to your interview.

Include a recent photo on a white background and supply a self addressed Platinum Express Post envelope for the return of your passport.

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At any U.S. Consulate, your application for a visa starts with a security check.

You will be asked to check your personal belongings.

You may not bring backpacks or mobile phones into the Consulate.

In some Consulates you will also submit your documents for pre-screening at this stage.

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When you arrive in the waiting room you will need to take a ticket for nonimmigrant visa services.

You will then be called to one of the service windows where a member of the staff will electronically take your fingerprints and you will submit your application.

After check-in you will be asked to take a seat before you are called for your interview with a Consular Officer.

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An officer will call you for an interview to determine if you are eligible for a nonimmigrant visa.

If the visa is approved, the average time required to process a visa is 2 business days.

At the conclusion of your interview, the Officer will inform you if additional documentation is required to process your visa.

Some visa applications will require additional administrative processing, which differs on a case by case basis.

You may also be asked to pay an issuance fee for your visa.

These fees vary by nationality and by visa category.

We always advise applicants not to book tickets or make travel plans until their visa has been issued.

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Thank you for taking the time to experience our virtual visa application process.

We hope this presentation and the information on our website will make your visa experience as easy as possible.